

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LYNDEN GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2014 Lynden Christian High School girls basketball team. On March 8, the Lynden Lyncs won the 1A state championship, culminating their impressive season with a record of 25–2. I congratulate them on this impressive achievement.

This title is Lynden's 10th and their first since 2008. The Lyncs had one focus all year, "Team is greater than I." Their motto was evident in the championship game as the Lyncs built an early lead that they never relinquished. In the final quarter, King's High School made a late push to bring the game within 4 points, 44–40. But the Lyncs stepped up, determined not to lose this one.

After consecutive scoring drives and solid defense, the Lyncs secured their spot as state champions by a score of 55–40.

I would like to give special recognition to Kara Bajema, the tournament MVP. Senior guard Courtney Hollander also played a pivotal role in the final game, finishing with 11 points and 13 rebounds. The Lyncs' impressive record this season is a testament to their incredible work ethic and the impressive coaching of Curt De Haan. Coach De Haan provided the girls with the training and encouragement necessary to achieve this notable feat.

Again, I congratulate the Lynden Christian High School girls basketball team on all of their success. Their victory was hard-earned and well-deserved.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD LEE FOR 40 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP SERVICE WITH SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH IN McDONOUGH, GEORGIA

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Dr. Edward W. Lee for his 40 years of servant leadership at Shiloh Baptist Church located in McDonough, Georgia. Over 148 years ago Shiloh Baptist Church opened its doors as the Colored Baptist Church of McDonough as one of the first churches in the area founded by former slaves. Since Shiloh's opening, the church continues to steadfastly serve the spiritual needs of the surrounding community.

On April 5, 2014, Shiloh will honor an essential leader in their community, Reverend Dr. Edward W. Lee, as he marks 40 years of service and leadership with their congregation.

Since the start of his tenure in 1974, Reverend Lee has shepherded in monumental growth. Under his guidance, the church moved into a new 30,000 square foot space, drastically increasing the number of available seats from 350 to 1100. Further, he has been instrumental in the fundraising and construction of a new Family Life Center which will house the Shiloh Youth Academy. Even after 40 years of tireless service, Reverend Lee remains steadfast in his commitment to growing and strengthening the Shiloh community.

In addition to serving Shiloh, Reverend Lee is an active member of the Henry County community, regularly volunteering his time to several organizations. Notably, he serves as the chaplain of the Henry County Police Department, chairman of the Henry County United Way Advisory Board, president of the Henry County Ministerial Alliance, board member of the McDonough Housing Authority, and moderator of the Shoal Creek Baptist Association. Further, he previously served as director of the New Era State Congress of Christian Education, board chair of the New Era Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Henry County Residential Housing. As a result of his admirable efforts and status as a pillar of the McDonough community, Mayor Richard Craig marked Sunday April 3, 2005, as a day of honor for Reverend Lee.

Reverend Lee has been happily married for 45 years to his dynamic wife Betty. Together, they are the proud parents of two sons and five grandchildren. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to thank Reverend Lee for his tireless engagement with Shiloh Baptist Church and the surrounding community of McDonough, Georgia. I ask my colleagues to do the same.

CONDEMNING KESSAB ATTACKS

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in Congress in condemning attacks on the Syrian Armenian population in Kessab by extremist fighters connected to al-Qaeda. On March 21, al-Qaeda affiliated terrorists out of Turkey attacked the peaceful Christian-Armenian community in a town that has served as a place of refuge for those trying desperately to escape the bloodshed of the past three years. This brutal assault is yet another consequence of the increasingly dangerous violence in Syria that leaves innocent civilians with no choice but to again flee as they have already done from their homes in Aleppo.

This war and the escalating brutality in the past months have put far too many innocent civilians at risk and I am deeply troubled that recent events including mass exoduses and violent strikes upon the peaceful Armenian communities hark back to the early days of the Armenian Genocide under Ottoman rule

nearly 100 years ago. No innocent civilian in any part of the world should be targeted because of their ancestry, ethnicity or religion, and I want to work with my colleagues to find a way to bring an end to such brutal attacks and the increasingly violent civil war ravaging the region that has left over 100,000 dead and forced over 2 million to flee their homes and communities. I will work with my colleagues on the House Foreign Affairs Committee to help find a diplomatic solution to this crisis and ensure that Armenians of Kessab and Aleppo can return to their peaceful lives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, on April 1, 2014, I was unavoidably absent and missed the following rollcall votes: No. 149, to Concur in the Senate Amendment to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; No. 150 to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine; and No. 151 on approval of the Journal. Had I voted, I would have voted "aye" all three votes.

THE WOMEN OFFICIALS NETWORK FOUNDATION WONDER WOMAN AWARDS

HON. KERRY L. BENTIVOLIO

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO. Mr. Speaker, the Women Officials Network Foundation will be honoring five extraordinary women at the WONder Woman Awards banquet April 30 at the San Marino Club in Troy. The award honors women who have improved the quality of life in Southeast Michigan through their civic, philanthropic and professional accomplishments. This year marks the 30th celebration of WONder Women and many past honorees will attend. The 2014 WONder Women are: Debra Ehrmann, Lisa Gorceyca, Mattie McKinney Hatchett, Ruth Holmes, and Cynthia Walker.

The Honorable Debra Ehrmann has held elected and appointed office including service on the State Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs and the Oakland County Employment Diversity Council. Debra has been Vice President of Centro Multicultural since 2007 and previously worked as the Health Care Coordinator of Clinica Santa Teresa. She is well known and respected for developing networks of stakeholders and volunteers. She is recognized for her dedication to vulnerable populations and for providing interpretation, relationship-building and vital connections for their connection with community services. Debra currently serves on the Genisys Credit Union Board of Directors-VP Supervisory Committee.

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